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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Aerts et al.

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For: A MAMMALIAN MUCINASE, ITS RECOMBINANT PRODUCTION, AND ITS USE IN THERAPY OR PROPHYLAXIS AGAINST DISEASES IN WHICH MUCUS IS INVOLVED OR INFECTION DISEASES

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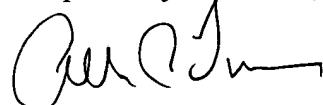
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Responsive to the Office communication mailed May 6, 2003 entering a restriction in the referenced application, applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I containing claims 1-9, 15-21, 33-34, 38, and 41. Applicants will cancel the non-elected claims upon an indication of allowability.

The application should now be in condition for substantive examination. Should the Office have any questions after consideration of the foregoing, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

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